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SUBJECT: GERMANY ALIGNED WITH USG ON SYRIA/IAEA TECHNICAL  
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Classified By: Global Affairs Unit Chief Don L. Brown for  
reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) Germany confirmed that its support for a  
Syria-requested Technical Cooperation (TC) project with the  
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) will be limited to  
"generic discussion regarding the peaceful use of nuclear  
power" and that its intention is to limit technical  
discussion until Syria has resolved its outstanding questions  
with the IAEA. EconOff delivered the reftel demarche on  
December 4 to MFA Nuclear Energy Policy officer, Dr. Joerg  
Polster.

[1](#)2. (C) Polster said that Germany, as current chair of the  
Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), is approaching the IAEA TC  
with Syria very carefully and supports the basic spirit of  
the reftel nonpaper. Polster affirmed Germany's general  
support of IAEA TC discussions with Syria and sees continued  
dialog as an important step to "building trust" with Syria  
even though questions remain regarding Syria's activities at  
the suspected Al-Kibar nuclear facility. However, Polster  
emphasized that Germany realizes that there is a fine line  
between general discussions and exchange of potential  
dual-use technical data and stated that Syria would need to  
address outstanding IAEA questions before Germany would  
support IAEA TC progressing to the next level.  
Koenig